

NEW APPELLATE PANEL SCHEDULES FIRST ORAL ARGUMENTS

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Fort Lauderdale, FL -- The first oral argument in the 17th Judicial Circuit's newly-created Appellate Division is scheduled for Friday, November 22, 2013, in the Main Courthouse, 201 S.E. 6th Street, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301. A three-judge panel will begin the docket at 9:30 a.m. in courtroom 416. Proceedings are open to the public.

In July of this year, the 17th Judicial Circuit adopted a three-judge county to circuit civil appeals process. The initial judges to preside are the Honorable Jeffrey E. Streitfeld, Honorable Carol-Lisa Phillips, and Honorable Michael L. Gates. Panels rotate every six months; three new judges will assume their appellate roles in January 2014.

In addition to county civil appeals, the panels will also preside over petitions for extraordinary writs seeking mandamus, quo warranto, certiorari, prohibition or habeas corpus relief, whether the appeal originates from county civil or county criminal.

The oral argument docket, as well as the Administrative Order establishing this new process, can be viewed on the 17th Judicial Circuit's website, www.17th.flcourts.org.